

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: stil_1354929689_1548048_4.png

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1700112.003

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 13 April 2017

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 13 April 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. It is an explicit photograph of the sexual abuse of a young girl, the sole purpose of which is the arousal of people with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages and perpetuates this interest. The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which promote and support the exploitation of children be banned and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.